

Confirmation No. 5255 PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Ove Kornelius GUTTORMSEN

Serial No. : 10/597,711

Group Art Unit: 3679

Filing Date : September 26, 2006

Examiner: Nahid Amiri

Title : **DEVICE FOR CONNECTING
STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS**

Entity Status : Small Entity

Our Docket : RR-630 PCT/US (PE39619US01)

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December 31, 2008

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the December 16, 2008 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, which has a response deadline of January 16, 2009.

The reasons for non-compliance are:

- 1) The inadvertent omission of forward slash marks before and after the name of applicant's attorney on the signature page of applicant's April 21, 2008 Amendment and applicant's September 22, 2008 Response to Restriction Requirement;
- 2) the improper use of single and double brackets and strikethroughs for deleted text in the amended claims and amended specification as noted in the April 21, 2008 Amendment; and,
- 3) the improper use of bolded text in combination with underlining to indicate added text to the amended claims and to the amended specification as noted in the April 21, 2008 Amendment.

In accordance with Examiner's requirements in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and pursuant to the Examiner's suggestions made in a December 29, 2008 telephone discussion with applicant's attorney applicant is resubmitting the April 21, 2008 Amendment in compliant form and the September 22, 2008 Response to Restriction Requirement in compliant form. It will be noted that the claims in the resubmitted April 21, 2008 Amendment have a corrected format to indicate added and deleted text.

In addition the signature pages of the April 21, 2008 Amendment and the September 22, 2008 Response to Restriction Requirement contain proper forward slashes on the typewritten signature.

Please note that the time extension fees for the April 21, 2008 Amendment and the September 22, 2008 Response to Restriction Requirement were previously paid.

It is applicant's understanding that no further time extension fees are required for resubmission of the April 21, 2008 Amendment in compliant form and the September 22, 2008 Response to Restriction Requirement in compliant form, in response to the December 16, 2008 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Dated: December 31, 2008

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April 21, 2008

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of December 19, 2008.

Applicant petitions for a one month time extension from March 19, 2008 to April 21, 2008 to submit this Amendment, since April 19, 2008 is a Saturday.

A Credit Card Payment authorization is provided with this Amendment for the one month time extension fee of \$60 (small entity).

Please charge any additional fees in connection with this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 18-1743.

The claims pending in this application and any amendments to such claims are indicated in the following section entitled *Current Status of Claims*. *Amendments to the Specification* are indicated after the *Current Status of Claims*. A *Replacement Sheet* for Fig 3d of the drawings is attached.